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REMARKS

As is required by 37 CFR §1.173(c), the status of the claims is as follows:

Claims 1, 12 and 15	pending original claims amended
Claims 2-11	pending original claims
Claims 13 and 14	canceled original claims
Claims 16-25	new claims

Claims 1-12 and 15 have been indicated as allowable by the Examiner in the previous Office Action.

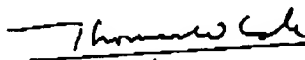
New Claim 16 finds support in the original specification on column 10, lines 16-21; column 13, lines 57-65 and in Figures 10a and 10b. The recited recess of this claim is present when boss 92 of Figures 10a and 10b is interpreted as a recess in accordance with column 13, lines 57-65. The recited slots and their relative recited depths find support on column 10, lines 16-21. New claim 16 also finds support in Figure 19k when read in conjunction with column 13, lines 57-65. New claims 17 and 18 find support in the flange 45 and bevel 93 disclosed in Figures 10a and 10b. New claims 19 and 20 are similarly supported by Figures 10a, 10b and Figure 19k. New claims 21-25 are supported by Figures 10a, 10b and 11.

Examination of new claims 16-25 on the merits is respectfully requested. A Supplemental Re-issue Application Declaration signed by the inventors will be filed shortly.

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The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayment
to Deposit Account No. 19-2380 (099488-2).

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